U.S. to Release Data on Dr. King's Killer

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WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice prodded by writer and researcher Harold Weisberg, has reversed its position and agreed to make available the record of James Earl Ray's 1968 extradition proceeding from England in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Officials released the 195-page packet of affidavits, photographs and various government documents to reporters Wednesday.

Weisberg filed a civil suit under the Freedom of Information Act last March 11, asking for a court order compelling the department to give him access to the records.

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